IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(MBHB 97-195-P)	
In re the Application of:)
Burg et al.) Group Art Unit: 1637
Application No: 09/901,181) Examiner: Kim
Filed: July 9, 2001) Conf. No .: 6516
For: Improved Nucleic Acid Assays)

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated February 1, 2007, in the above-identified application. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account 13-2490 is a fee is necessary.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.